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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING

REF: STATE 93513

1. EMBOFF DISCUSSED UPCOMING IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP MEETING FOR EGYPT WITH RICK WARD, CIDA OFFICIAL RESPONSIBLE FOR PREPARING BRIEFING PAPERS FOR MEETING. WARD SAID GOC INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING TO BE HELD MAY 5 WILL ESTABLISH CANDEL POSITION FOR GROUP MEETING, BUT HE GAVE PRELIMINARY CIDA VIEWS ON SUBJECT.

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2. WARD SAID THAT CIDA, WITHIN ITS CURRENT BUDGETARY RESTRAINTS, AND EXTAFF WERE MOST POSITIVE OF ALL GOC AGENCIES ABOUT UPCOMING MEETING, AND BOTH AGENCIES WERE RECEPTIVE TO INCREASED CANADIAN AID TO EGYPT. CIDA, WHICH CURRENTLY HAS SMALL POWER PROJECT IN EGYPT, WAS CONSIDERING EXPANDING PROJECT AID IN FIELDS OF POWER AND

TRANSPORTATION. ACCORDING TO WARD, CIDA ALSO CONSIDERING INCREASING ITS FOOD AID THIS YEAR.

3. WARD AGREED THAT "ATMOSPHERE" FOR POSITIVE RESULTS FROM IBRD CONSULTATIVE GROUP HAD IMPROVED CONSIDERABLY SINCE IMF REFORMS HAD BEEN AGREED TO. HOWEVER, GOC WAS STILL CONCERNED ABOUT EGYPT'S ABILITY TO ABSORB MORE EXTERNAL AID AND ITS ABILITY TO CARRY OUT NECESSARY REFORMS.

4. CANDEL TO GROUP MEETING WILL BE LED BY B. R. BUDDISCOMBE, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF CIDA'S COMMONWEALTH AFRICA DIVISION, AND WILL INCLUDE SIMON WILLIAMS, PLANNING OFFICER FOR EGYPT IN CIDA, PETER BAILY FROM EXPORT DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION, CHARLES WILSON FROM INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE, AND R. BEAULIEU FROM EXTAFF AID AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION.

5. WARD SAID IT WAS HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT SOME U.S. PROJECT AID HAD BEEN RECENTLY CONVERTED TO SOME FORM OF BUDGETARY ASSISTANCE AND ASKED EMBOFF IF HE COULD VERIFY. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION ON THIS SUBJECT WE COULD PASS ON TO GOC.

6. FOLLOWING GOC INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEETING, EMBASSY WILL ATTEMPT OBTAIN FURTHER INFORMATION ON CANDEL POSITION. DUEMLING

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